

**State Science Advisory Council
Held October 21, 2003
Utah State Capital, Room 223
2:00-4:30 p.m.**

Those in attendance:

Brent Miller
Mike Brehm
Gary Hooper
Bill Barnett
Jon Callender
Ron Pugmire for Ray Gesteland
Gary Wixom for CeCe Foxley
Phyllis Embley

Guests present:

Jean Tracy – SL Conv. & Visitors Bureau
Lisa Clarke – ISEF Committee
John Gardner – ISEF Committee
Ray Beckett - SLVRSEF
Rick Allis - DNR

Welcome Members

Brent Miller called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The minutes were approved with a few minor changes. All voted in favor

Committee Reports

The Governor's Medal committee submitted revised scoring and criteria for the upcoming call for nominations. The new timeline was submitted to change the dates of the Governor's Medal. This new time line has been approved by the Governor's office and was acceptable to the Science Council.

A question was posed to the guests present as to how to better reach their part of the community. It was suggested that nominations be sent to the science curriculum departments of each school district. It was also suggested to put information in the State newsletter that is distributed each month.

Presentations

Ray Beckett and Lisa Clarke presented to the SAC about the bid to host the 2008 or 2009 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Jean Tracy from the SL Convention and Visitors Bureau was also in attendance to show support for submitting the bid to host ISEF. This ISEF has been called the "Olympics of Science Fairs". Approximately 5000 people attend the ISEF each year. There is still a lot of work to be done to prepare the bid and a lot of cooperation between the communities and the universities, companies etc. will be needed to make this bid successful and a hopeful host city. For more information on Intel ISEF visit www.sciserv.org/isef/about/hostcity.asp. The ISEF Committee is looking for support from the

SAC, Governor's Office and are looking for others to help put this all together. The Science Council is in full support and endorses this type of event to be held in Utah.

The question was posed to the presenters, "What would you like from the SAC?"

It is important for the SAC to endorse and support, some type of leadership, financial support, but mostly support and endorsement.

It was suggested that a motion be made that states the willingness and the ability of the SAC in support of the ISEF and submitting this bid. In regard to the budgetary issues, the SAC office has no basically has budget but would be willing to express our support in a letter.

Mike Brehm - Move support every way by the means of this council to support this and endorse and support the pursuit of the ISEF, second by Jon Callender. Motion passes.

In the past, the Governor of the host city has been a key player to make the ISEF happen, and if the SAC has any recommendations to fill the key positions of the committee that would be helpful.

SAC Business

SAC Membership update –Nominations were sent around, few comments were received, so it was assumed that the information was deemed acceptable. Brent will visit with Sue about the membership committee and get an update. Sue was contacting a couple of people and gather CV's to see if interested and send out to members of the council.

IAR Letter –The IAR letter was reviewed at the last council meeting. The language was approved at that time and the letter was distributed to the proper parties.

Graduation Education Requirements Letter – this letter was distributed via email. There were no comments received as to its contents. The letter was distributed as written.

Other Business

Other business- Michael Keene wanted to see if the SAC was interested in offering services for technical expertise or writing a white paper on the acceptance of radioactive waste and supporting the legislative task force. The SAC is a neutral body, however, it was determined by the council, that this is an issue that the SAC should not get involved. If the SAC was asked to pursue this issue, then the situation would be different. When the SAC met with the Gov office, it was expressed that the SAC become active on issues that are of concern to the Legislative body or the Gov's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.